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In re Application of:

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Filed: November 28, 2000

Examiner: J. Riley

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS AND  
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS  
AND PROTEASES

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-25. Applicant has added no new claims. Claims 1-25 are pending and under consideration.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

The Examiner rejects claims 1-16 and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,242,188 to Dattagupta et al., ("Dattagupta"). Office Action at pages 2 to 6, Item No. 3.

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